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## Requirement for Information

Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under **37 CFR 1.105** to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

### ***Background***

Applicants have indicated that prior art “EDM-type filtration and flushing systems” that have been “adopted” for “electroerosion machines” exist, but have failed to disclose or identify said systems. The following appears in Applicants’ specification:

[0004] At present, existing EDM-type filtration and flushing systems that are adopted for electroerosion machines do not have sufficient filtration systems associated therewith.

### ***Required Information***

In response to this requirement, please identify the **“existing EDM-type filtration and flushing systems that are adopted for electroerosion machines.”**

Identification shall include reference to any known patents, sales brochures, publications, etc. that disclose said “existing” systems. Identification shall include reference to any known installations, sales or public uses of said “existing” systems.

In response to this requirement, please identify the nature of the stated adoption, as in **“adopted.”**

In response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the disclosed prior art systems discussed at **paragraph [0004]**.

In response to this requirement, please state the specific improvements of the subject matter of the claims over the disclosed prior art systems discussed at **paragraph [0004]** and indicate the specific elements in the claimed subject matter that provide those improvements. For those claims expressed as means or steps plus function, please provide the specific page and line numbers within the disclosure which describe the claimed structure and acts.

### ***Conclusion***

The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of TWO months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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